It is believed that this review of another year's work will not be found entirely without ground for encouragement and gratitude; while the conviction must still remain that we have fallen far short of the measure of our ability and our responsibilities. Time hastens on, our working days are growing less, and many opportunities for good are vanishing unimproved. God has given a great work to the Church in this country, and in our Diocese and own neighborhood. Let us see to it, brethren, that we neglect not that which is laid upon us—rather that in which we are *privileged* to be co-workers with our Lord and Master. If we realized as we should this blessed PRIVILEGE, and its glorious and eternal rewards, then, indeed, would they "that rejoice be as though they rejoiced not, and they that buy as though they possessed not, and they that use this world, as not abusing it; for the fashion of this world passeth away."

The roseate hues of early dawn,
The brightness of the day,
The crimson of the sunset sky,
How fast they fade away!
Oh, for the pearly gates of heaven,
Oh, for the golden floor,
Oh, for the Sun of Righteousness,
That setteth nevermore!

The highest hopes we cherish here,
How fast they tire and faint;
How many a spot defiles the robe
That wraps an earthly saint!
Oh, for a heart that never sins,
Oh, for a soul washed white,
Oh, for a voice to praise our King,
Nor weary day nor night!

Here faith is ours, and heavenly hope
And grace to lead us higher;
But there are perfectness, and peace
Beyond our best desire.
Oh, by Thy Love, and anguish, LORD,
And by Thy life laid down,
Grant that we fall not from Thy grace,
Nor cast away our crown.

REPORT

OF

SAINT LUKE'S PARISH,

GERMANTOWN,

FROM MAY, 1866, TO MAY, 1867.

GERMANTOWN:
LAMAR, PRINTER, No. 4915 MAIN STREET.
1867.

Officers of the Parish.

Rev. JOHN RODNEY, Rector.

Rev. B. WISTAR MORRIS, Assistant Minister.

JAMES M. AERTSEN, Rector's Warden. | R. P. McCULLAGH, Accounting Warden.

JAMES R. LAMBDIN,
GEORGE BLIGHT,
CHARLES MEGARGE,
D. RODNEY KING,
WILLIAM WEBB,
THOS. H. MONTGOMERY,
JOHN BLANDY,
SAMUEL V. MERRICK,
CHARLES TREICHEL,
R. P. MORTON, Secretary.
} Vestrymen.

ALBERT EMERICK, Organist.

WILLIAM WEBB, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Miss HELENA O'FARRELL, Teacher of the Parish School.

Miss E. STEVENSON, Treasurer, pro tem., of the Parish School, No. 123 Price Street.

Mrs. WM. WEBB, Secretary of the Guild.

Miss M. H. AERTSEN, Treasurer of the Guild, Hancock Street.

Mrs. B. W. MORRIS, Treasurer of the Employment Fund.

Miss E. HALE, Treasurer of the Ladies' Missionary Association.

Miss M. H. AERTSEN, Treasurer of St. Luke's Missionary Sewing Society, Hancock Street.

Henry Gravenstine, Sexton, No. 58 School Lane.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 9; Infants, 31. Total,	40
Confirmations,	16
Burials,	16
Marriages,	5

Public Services.

On Sundays,	125
On Week Days,	193
Total,	318

Sunday Schools.

MAIN DEPARTMENT.

Teachers,	23	Pupils,	159

INFANT SCHOOL.

Teachers,	2	Children,	195

Making a total of 25 Teachers and 354 Pupils.

Bible Classes.

Male Bible Class,	15
Young Ladies,	26
Women's,	14

Total, 3 Teachers, 55 Pupils.

Night Schools and Mother's Meeting.—These have been continued as usual during the winter and spring months, not with so large an attendance, however, nor with the help of so many teachers as heretofore—particularly in the *Girls'* Night School. There can hardly be a question about the usefulness of such an instrumentality, in a community that furnishes so many young people whose necessities keep them from the advantages of the public schools in the day-time. The willingness of young girls to attend these schools, offers an opportunity for Christian women of leisure and acquirements, to exert a refining and elevating influence that is full of promise for a class that must exercise great influence on the next generation.

The Mother's Meeting continues to be conducted very much as in former years, with much encouragement to those in charge of

it. Fifty women have been in attendance during the past year. Many of their families have been cheered and comforted in sickness and affliction by the ministrations of the ladies engaged in this work, and several have been confirmed and become communicants, who might not have been reached but for this instrumentality. A letter has just been received from a former member of our Meeting now residing in Ohio, who still remembers the "happy evenings she spent here," and regrets they have no such meetings there, where she says there is great wickedness and little "Christian feeling." A similar effort in behalf of *Fathers* might be productive of equal good, and it is earnestly hoped that some will soon be found ready to engage in such an undertaking.

THE EMPLOYMENT SOCIETY has expended $86 50.

THE PARISH SCHOOL has continued in charge of the same teacher, with forty-eight pupils, who are catechised weekly by the Assistant Minister. The removal of the School in the Fall to the large and commodious room in the new School Building will greatly promote the comfort of teacher and pupils, and also, it is believed, give increased numbers and efficiency to the School. It is now, in its *outside* influences, one of the very best *parochial missionary* agencies, and demands our united interest and support.

ST. LUKE'S GUILD is an organization formed since the publication of a report similar to the present, and has been in operation since the 15th of January, 1866. It was formed for the purpose of raising funds by monthly subscriptions, and through the skill and industry of its members, to complete and furnish the School Building. It was thought that in the first twelve months we might raise a *thousand dollars* in this way. Our success has been beyond our expectation. The receipts of the Guild for the first year were $2600, and for the sixteen months up to May 1st, 1867, $3212 27. This has proved a very important help in providing funds for the School Building, and the same agency is still needed to aid in the liquidation of the debt. We desire to have a monthly subscription of *some* amount from *every member of the Congregation.* If we could obtain this our indebtedness would rapidly disappear, and we should be ready to undertake some new work, of which there is abundance on all sides. The Guild meets on the second Friday evening of every month, *and all the members of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend its meetings, and aid in its work.*

"THE THIRD SERVICE."—On the first Sunday evening of Advent, a *Third Public Service* was begun, at which the pews were made free to all, by resolution of the Vestry. Some five hundred copies of what is commonly known as "The Third Service," were printed, with a selection of Psalms and Hymns, and freely distributed through the Church. Placards were posted in the mills and workshops, and small cards distributed through the central and lower portions of the town, giving notice of this free service, and inviting all not provided with a place of worship to attend. The result was highly satisfactory, the congregations were good, sometimes large and crowded, and many were brought to the House of God that were strangers there, and good seed was sown, we believe, for time and eternity. These Services were continued until Easter, and the necessity of their discontinuance was regretted by all parties. This experiment has shown that there is a large number of people about us not connected with any Christian congregation — not attendants upon *any place of worship*—who might be reached by the ministrations of religion, and brought regularly to the House of God, if pains were taken to make it *easy and inviting*, to remove the impediments that now stand in the way of many, and to convince them that we are anxious to share our privileges with all that will have them. The Vestry have shown their interest in this effort by the passage of resolutions expressing the hope that similar Services will be held this winter, and pledging the necessary funds to meet the expense. They have also extended the rule of *free pews* to the first Sunday evening Service of every month.

EXTRA PAROCHIAL.—The organizations directing their efforts to fields *outside* of our own Parish, are

The Ladies' Missionary Society.
St. Luke's Missionary Sewing Society.
The Missionary Army of the Young Soldiers of Christ

The contributions of the LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY are appropriated to Dr. Breck's Mission on the Pacific.

ST. LUKE'S MISSIONARY SEWING SOCIETY, still continues to provide clothing for the families of Clergymen in the Missionary field. They have sent three boxes within the period embraced in this report, and their receipts amount to $586 63. The earnest

hope is indulged, that as soon as the "Summer Vacation" is over, this Association will enter again with spirit upon its most useful work.

THE "MISSIONARY ARMY," in compliance with the suggestion of the Secretary of the Domestic Committee, was organized on Easter Sunday. Its object is to interest the *Children* of the Congregation in Domestic Missions, to make them regular and constant contributors to its funds, and to enable them to realize that they are an important part of the Church in its aggressive work against the great Enemy of Man. The design is certainly a good one, and in availing himself of the terms and forms of an earthly organization, the Secretary has done no more than the inspired writers of the New Testament. If the attention and interest of children can be thereby the more readily secured and retained, good will be done, while through it all they learn to say—

"Ours is the Army of Love,
'And on earth, Peace,' is our song."

We have enrolled some 170 children, and contributed $75 in this way. There is but a single payment required, of twenty-five cents a year for "privates," or one dollar for "Captains and Color Bearers." We might easily double the number of the names and amount of money so far received. In order to increase the interest of the Children in the Missionary work, as well as to give them correct and definite knowledge of the field itself, a *Missionary Map* has been prepared with the name of every Bishop marked on his Diocese. It also has the jurisdictions of the Missionary Bishops clearly defined, thus teaching by the *eye* as well as by the ear. The Children of the "Army" are called together occasionally to receive missionary intelligence, and to be instructed by the use of this map. It is hoped that we shall thus not only help to sustain our present Missions, but that we shall also train up those who are themselves to be our future *Missionaries*.

THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING for which ground was broken on the twenty-fifth of June, 1867, stands now nearly completed and ready for occupancy.* It is a noble building, well

* It was occupied for the first time on Sunday, June 16th, and on the 21st was dedicated by Bishop Stevens, in the presence of a number of Clergymen of the vicinity and a large congregation. A photographic view of the Building, as it appears from the Church Yard, accompanies this Report.

suited to its purposes, tasteful, solid and enduring, and while *we sleep with our fathers*, will testify that we believed the godly instruction and training of children to be a work worthy of the best means and appliances. The lot upon which it stands, together with the Parsonage, cost $12,000. The cost of the School House, together with furnace and furniture is $17,500. The repairs upon the Parsonage have cost $2100, making in all $31,600. There is a mortgage upon the property purchased of $5000, and a debt upon the Sunday School Building of $5000. It is hoped that no efforts of the Congregation will be spared for the speedy removal of this indebtedness. *This year should not close upon us without our having met the greater part, if not the whole, of the cost of the School House at least.* And with the increased facilities that are hereby furnished, for the great work of training up the young in the fear and service of God, all should feel that a new responsibility is thus incurred, and by God's grace, set themselves to this work with new zeal and determination.

COLLECTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PAROCHIAL PURPOSES.

Sunday Schools,	$330 00
Parish School,	280 00
Employment Society,	86 50
Parochial Work,	80 00
Offertory Alms and Contributions for the Sick,	850 00
Parish Expenses,	717 00
Sunday School Building and Parsonage,	5,803 00
Expenses of "Third Service,"	165 00
Pew Rents,	3,909 00
Miscellaneous,	170 00
Total.	$12,390 50

COLLECTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EXTRA PAROCHIAL PURPOSES.

Bishop White Prayer Book Society and Seamen's Mission,	$ 83 00
Diocesan Missions,	266 00
Nasbotah,	92 00
Church Book Society, and Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	131 00
Church Hospital,	305 00
Christmas Fund,	88 00
Freedmen's Commission,	138 00
Southern Relief Fund,	140 00
Africa,	20 00
Jewish Mission,	35 00
Domestic Missions, (including the contributions of the two Missionary Societies, contributions to Dr. Breck, and the contributions of the "Young Soldiers,")	1,183 00
St. John Baptist Church,	200 00
Episcopal and Convention Funds,	170 00
Miscellaneous Contributions by the S. Schools and Bible Classes,	164 00
Total.	$3,015 00

Total of Parochial and Extra Parochial Contributions, $15,405 50.